

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY

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Relates to Item #31-A

As referenced in Supervisor Antonovich’s motion, in 2008 the Board of Supervisors adopted one of the most stringent Low Impact Development (LID), Green Building and Drought-Tolerant Landscaping ordinances in the state. Through this comprehensive ordinance, the Board of Supervisors required that developers of commercial properties and residential properties of four or more units infiltrate or store the same amount of storm water as would naturally be retained on the property.

The principles embodied in this ordinance reflect the cutting-edge method of increasing our local water supplies and reducing the amount of pollution that washes into our streams and oceans. Beyond these ordinances, the Department of Public Works has shown tremendous innovation on a number of infrastructure projects in the San Fernando Valley that demonstrate how LID principles can achieve the environmental benefits mentioned above, beautify our neighborhoods and create additional park and recreational space.

However, because of a 2007 Board of Supervisors requirement that the Department of Public Works incorporate LID standards into Public Works Road and

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Flood Design and Maintenance Manuals no later than December 2009, the ordinance's mandate did not include Public Works road and flood control infrastructure projects. It is now past the time to ensure that the County's leading efforts in the field of sustainable design move beyond noteworthy demonstration projects and truly become incorporated into the County's everyday practices. It is therefore vital that Public Works report back to the Board of Supervisors as to their progress in meeting the aforementioned mandate at the same time as they respond to Supervisor Antonovich's request.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors additionally instruct the Director of Public Works to report back in 21 days regarding the progress they have made in incorporating LID principles into their Road and Flood Design and Maintenance Manuals, as well as how these standards compare to the LID standards contained in the 2008 LID ordinance regulating private development.